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SUBJ: CUBAN OFFICIAL TO VISIT FRONT-LINE STATES

1. BRITISH EMBASSY, JUNE 15, INFORMED US THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED
VISA APPLICATION FOR CUBAN VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
JOSE FERNANDEZ DE COSSIO AND THREE ACCOMPANYING PERSONNEL WHO
ARE PROCEEDING TO ZAMBIA. BRITISH WERE TOLD THAT GROUP ALSO
INTENDS TO VISIT OTHER FRONT-LINE STATES.

2. COMMENT: FERNANDEZ DE COSSIO HAS PREVIOUSLY LOBBIED IN
VARIOUS THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES IN SUPPORT OF CUBA'S POSITIONS
IN MULTILATERAL FORA. HIS CURRENT TRIP MAY BE LINKED WITH JULY
BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED MEETING OR UPCOMING OAU SESSION. IN ADDI-
TION, WE PRESUME THAT ZAMBIA VISIT, COMING AT TIME OF LOW-GRAHAM
TOUR OF FRONT-LINE, RUMORED HEIGHTENED TENSION BETWEEN ZAMBIA
AND SOUTH AFRICA, AN CONTROVERSY OVER KATANGESE TRANSIT
THROUGH ZAMBIA, WILL SERVE TO UNDERLINE CUBA'S HIGH INTEREST
IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS AND ITS POTENTIAL FOR
INCREASED SUPPORT OF SYMPATHETIC STATES. IT IS INTERESTING
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TO NOTE, WITH REGARD TO FRONT-LINE VISITS, THAT FIDEL CASTRO
CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN THAT SHABA WAS A DIVERSION FROM THE
PRINCIPAL AFRICAN PROBLEM - OVERTHROW OF MINORITY REGIMES IN
RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA.
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